



Forestry Technician

Salary Range: \$42,875 to \$52,415

The City of Lenexa is currently accepting applications for a **Forestry Technician** to join our Park Maintenance team!

Position Summary

This position works in the Landscape Division, under the direction of the Park Landscape Supervisor and performs manual work functions associated with the City's urban forest. These functions include management of the comprehensive street tree inventory, identifying damaged and diseased trees, public education, organizing volunteer efforts, management of invasive pests and plants, tree nursery operations, and applications of pesticides. This position will also assist with the general maintenance of City landscaping.

Key Responsibilities

- Oversees the implementation of the urban forestry management plan and Right of Way Tree Trimming Program so that environmental, aesthetic, and safety benefits are maximized.
- Manages urban forest cost and benefits analysis and coordinates public relations and public education efforts. Responsible for the City's EAB Management Plan.
- Assists in keeping detailed department records pertaining to grounds maintenance activities including trees and related resources.
- Assists with and prioritizes public service requests.
- Prepares job sites for chemical application including, but not limited to, identifying vegetation, determining the correct mix of chemicals to apply, determining the type of application equipment to utilize, checking weather conditions, and possibly notifying area owners.
- Provides in-service training for employees/workers in department procedures, including worker safety protection standards, chemical applications, and EPA-approved methods of chemical applications.
- Assists with all landscape maintenance on park and public grounds, medians and right-of-ways.
- Assists in maintaining detailed department records pertaining to forestry operations including equipment, material, and chemical application data.
- Operates City equipment such as back hoes, skid steer loaders, stump grinders, dump trucks, chippers, lift trucks, track lifts, standard vehicles for transportation and snow removal equipment, and instructs employees on the safe operation of such equipment.
- Provides input to supervisor regarding evaluation of regular and/or seasonal employees.

Qualifications

Minimum: High school diploma or G.E.D. and at least five years of experience in forestry and landscape maintenance, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must possess a Class A Commercial Driver's License, a Kansas Pesticide Applicator license category 3A, and a Kansas Arborist Certification, or obtain within 1 year of appointment. **Desired:** Bachelor's Degree in urban forestry, horticulture or related field, Kansas Pesticide Applicator license, categories 1D and 2 and ISA Certification

Compensation and Benefits

Hiring range is \$42,875 to \$52,415 DOQ and directly related experience. In addition to competitive pay, a full-time career with the City of Lenexa comes with a comprehensive benefits package including medical, dental and vision insurance, a robust health and wellness program, up to \$25,000 in tuition reimbursement, excellent retirement plans, an on-site health clinic, and a culture that promotes teamwork and work-life balance.

To apply: please complete an online application at www.lenexa.com/jobs . Must include a resume and cover letter.